

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
TEXARKANA DIVISION

FILED  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
Plaintiff,

v.

THE AMERICAN TOBACCO  
COMPANY, ET AL.,  
Defendants.

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CIVIL NO.: 5:96-CV-0091

JUDGE: DAVID FOLSOM

MAGISTRATE JUDGE:  
WENDELL C. RADFORD

DAVID J. MALAND, CLERK

**DALLAS COUNTY, DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, EL PASO COUNTY,  
EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND HARRIS COUNTY, HARRIS  
COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT'S BRIEF IN FAVOR OF THE COURT'S  
CONSIDERATION OF THE 97 TEXAS COUNTIES AMICUS CURIAE  
BRIEF PERTAINING TO THE SETTLEMENT**

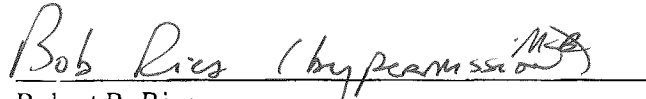
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Dallas County, Dallas County Hospital District, El Paso County, El Paso County Hospital District, Harris County and Harris County Hospital District, Movants, file this Brief supporting the Court's consideration of the 97 Texas Counties Amicus Curiae Brief Pertaining to the Settlement in the above-referenced case and in furtherance thereof, would respectfully show the Court as follows:

1. The 97 Counties' amicus brief parallels the arguments raised by Movants in this case. Movants have no objection to the Court considering the amicus brief. Movants agree with the amici that the Court should rule that the claims of Texas counties, and hospital districts, have not been litigated or settled in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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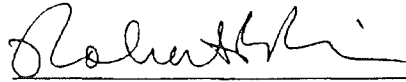
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 18th day of March, 1998, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to all known counsel of record in accordance with the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 5 and the Case Management Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert R. Ries", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert R. Ries